

REMARKS

On September 9, 2002, applicants submitted a Response to Restriction Requirement. On July 10, 2003, applicants' attorney, Pierre Van Rysselberghe, contacted Examiner Jon Epperson to inquire about the status of the above-identified patent application because applicants had not received any further communication from the Patent Office. The Examiner informed applicants' attorney that a Supplemental Restriction Requirement was mailed out on November 11, 2002. Applicants were apparently given a one month shortened statutory period to respond to the Restriction Requirement. However, applicants never received the Supplemental Restriction Requirement. Accordingly, applicants filed a Petition on October 27, 2003 requesting reinstatement of the application. On August 30, 2004, applicants received a Decision granting applicants' petition (copy attached as Exhibit A). The Decision states that "the application will be forwarded to the Examiner for mailing of a Supplemental Restriction."

Applicants subsequently contacted the Examiner and proposed sending in this Supplemental Amendment with a new claim set to replace the previous set, hopefully avoiding any need for a Supplemental Restriction Requirement.

Accordingly, please enter and consider the new claim set.

New claims 34-47 are directed to methods of conducting multiplexed experiments. Support for the claims can be found in the specification as follows:

Claims	Support
34	p. 8, ll. 1-12; and Fig. 4; p. 33, l. 30 – p.34, l. 10
35	Fig. 11; p. 51, ll. 2-30
36	p. 29, ll. 1-2
37	p. 28, ll. 8-22
38	Fig. 7; p. 35, l. 27 – p. 36, l. 10
39	p. 47, ll. 1-4

Claims	Support
40	Fig. 7; p. 35, l. 27 – p. 36, l. 10
41	p. 25, l. 18 – p. 26, l. 9; U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/129,664 (incorporated by reference) beginning on p. 7, ¶ 2, where it describes the production of masks in relation to color beads, and in the last paragraph on p. 7 relating to measuring reporting modalities within the carrier mask; Fig. 12
42	p. 51, ll. 26-30
43	p. 29, ll. 1-2
44	p. 28, ll. 18-22
45	Fig. 7; p. 35, l. 27 – p. 36, l. 10
46	p. 47, ll. 1-4
47	Fig. 7; p. 35, l. 27 – p. 36, l. 10

Applicants believe all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Please contact applicants' attorney if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE


Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via facsimile to Examiner Jon Epperson, Art Unit 1627, fax number (703) 746-9214, on October 26, 2004.


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